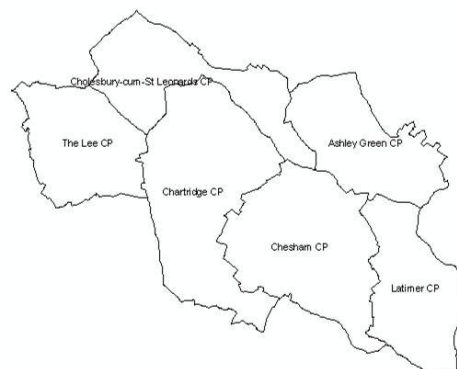


CHESHAM AND CHILTERN VILLAGES LOCAL AREA FORUM



DATE:	25 January 2012
TIME:	7.30 pm
LOCATION:	Cholesbury Village Hall, Cholesbury Common, HP23 6ND

***Transportation Drop-in session with the Local Area Technician
from 7.00 pm***

AGENDA

Item		Page No
1	Apologies for absence / changes in membership	
2	Declarations of interest	
3	Action Notes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To confirm the notes of the meeting held on 19 October 2011 • To confirm the amendment to the notes of the meeting held on 15 June 2011 	1 - 24
4	Question Time There will be a 20 minute period for public questions. Members of the public are encouraged to submit their questions in advance of the meeting to receive a full answer on the day of the meeting. Questions sent in advance will be dealt with first, followed by verbal questions. Please contact Helen Wailing on 01296 383614 or hwailing@buckscc.gov.uk to submit your question.	
5	Petitions	
6	Transport Update Ann-Marie Davies, Transport Localities Team Leader	25 - 30
7	Application for funding to Local Priorities Budget Christine Gardner, Localities and Communities Manager	31 - 32
8	Child Poverty Strategy / Loan Sharks Pam Curtis, Child Poverty Project Manager	
9	Chiltern Credit Union Simon Evans, Chairman of the Steering Group, Chiltern Credit Union	

10	<p>Surface Water Management Plan - for information only A decision regarding the surface water management plans was taken on 10 January by the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation. A link to the decision sheet and the report and appendices is below:</p> <p>http://democracy.buckscc.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=2571</p>	
11	<p>Date of next meeting 2 May 2012, 7:30pm, venue tbc</p>	
12	<p>Second half of local priorities workshop</p>	

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If you would like to attend a meeting, but need extra help to do so, for example because of a disability, please contact us as early as possible, so that we can try to put the right support in place.

Agencies: Buckinghamshire County Council, Chiltern District Council, Ashley Green Parish Council, Chartridge Parish Council, Chesham Town Council, Cholesbury cum St Leonards Parish Council, Latimer Parish Council, The Lee Parish Council

ACTION NOTES

MEETING:	Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum
DATE:	19 October 2011 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm
LOCATION	Willoughby Room, Latimer House, Latimer, Chesham, Buckinghamshire, HP5 1UG

Present:	Mohammad Bhatti MBE (Buckinghamshire County Council), Chris Brown (Cholesbury-cum-St Leonards Parish Council), Noel Brown (Buckinghamshire County Council) (Chairman), John Ford (The Lee Parish Council), Andrew Garth (Chiltern District Council - Ashley Green, Latimer and Chenies), Chris Howell (Chartridge Parish Council), Joan Lherbier (Chartridge Parish Council), Keith Platt (Latimer Parish Council), Mark Shaw (Chesham Town Council), Elizabeth Stacey (The Lee Parish Council) and Fred Wilson (Chiltern District Council - Hilltop and Townsend)
In Attendance:	David Cowell, Ann-Marie Davies, Christine Gardner, Chris Rawson, Rachael Rothero, David Schofield and Helen Wailling
Apologies:	John Axon, Alan Bacon, Patricia Birchley, Michael Brand, David Natali and Kerry Stevens

Item	ISSUES RAISED
1	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>See above.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Latimer Parish Council for arranging the venue and refreshments for the meeting.</p>
2	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
3	<p>ACTION NOTES</p> <p>The notes of the meeting held on 15 June 2011 were agreed and signed as a correct record.</p> <p>Matters arising Page 7 – Ann-Marie Davies (Transport Localities Team Leader) reported that since the previous meeting, the application for funding for a Feasibility Study into the A416 and Hog Lane / Two Dells Lane had been withdrawn and a new application, for a Vehicle Activated Sign had been submitted. The total cost of the sign was £7800, and Ashley Green Parish Council would be paying £2200 of this cost. This change had been agreed by the Head of the Transport Service at Buckinghamshire County Council.</p>
4	<p>QUESTION TIME</p>

	<p>Severe Winter Weather</p> <p>Peter Reeve, a local resident, asked if the Council was better prepared for severe weather for 2011-12, and said that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the severe weather in the previous winter, salt and grit had been spread directly on top of snow, without clearing the road first. This was not effective. • Peter Reeve had driven from Aberdeen back to Buckinghamshire during the severe weather and had only found the roads to be hazardous once he entered Buckinghamshire. • Cars had been abandoned in Chesham and the surrounding areas during the snow, which indicated that the drivers did not know how to prepare for winter driving, and had not brought shovels with them. • Also, drivers needed information on skid control as cars had been abandoned following skidding. <p>Ann-Marie Davies (Transport for Buckinghamshire) said the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The previous two winters had seen unprecedented weather. In 2010-11 there had been a lot more preparation for the severe weather than in 2009-10. • A sophisticated system was used to determine when to carry out gritting. • A winter maintenance leaflet had been sent to all Parish Councils. • A Service Information Centre on the website provided detailed highway information - http://www.transportforbucks.net/Transport-and-roads.aspx • An 'app' for smart phones was also available - http://www.transportforbucks.net/Apps.aspx <p>David Schofield, (Cabinet Spokesman for Transportation North, Buckinghamshire County Council) asked for feedback about the County Council website, as it was going to be updated shortly.</p>
5	<p>PETITIONS</p> <p>Petition - objection to the proposed closure of Outreach Day Centre in Chesham for adults who have disabilities and learning difficulties</p> <p>Mr and Mrs Gates presented the above petition and said that there was a lot of anxiety and rumour about the closure. The petition was 65 pages long and contained 1440 signatures.</p> <p>The Chairman said that he would pass the petition to the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing.</p> <p>Michael Brand (Buckinghamshire County Council) said that he supported the petition.</p>
6	<p>TRANSPORT UPDATE</p> <p>Members noted the Report.</p> <p>David Schofield (Buckinghamshire County Council Cabinet Spokesman for Transportation South) said that the Council was working to re-surface as many roads as possible. Improvements in communication were also being carried out.</p> <p>The following day the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation would be inspecting the Chesham area with the Local Area Technician and Derek Lacey, District Councillor.</p>

David Schofield also said the following:

- 12.5 tonnes of grit had been stocked up for winter. In the previous year just under 10 tonnes of grit had been used.
- Salt bins were available and cost £450 per bin. The cost included replacement grit and lifetime maintenance. Salt was also being sold in 1 ton bags to Parish Councils, for between £65 and £85 per bag.
- Utility road works in Sycamore Road, Amersham – the shops there were losing trade and the utility company had not informed the County Council of the works. If this happened in other areas, members should let David Schofield or Ann-Marie Davies know.
- The County Council would need assistance from farmers if severe weather occurred. Guidance stated that farmers could use red diesel when clearing snow for the County Council. Spare snow ploughs for tractors were available.

Ann-Marie Davies (Transport Localities Team Leader) then said the following:

- She had now been confirmed as the replacement for Chris Schwier, who had retired earlier in 2011.
- There were a number of issues regarding the work in Germain Street, and there was regular communication with local councillors. A safety audit would be carried out after the work completion date.
- Delegated budget schemes which had been agreed for 2011-12 were progressing. Those schemes which had not gone forward in the current year would be re-submitted for consideration for the delegated budget 2012-13.

A member of Cholesbury-cum-St Leonards Parish Council said that in 2010 they had submitted the names of three farmers who had offered to help with snow clearing, but had received no response. The same had happened this year.

David Schofield said that he would take this forward. **Action: DS / AMD**

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7 UPDATE ON BUILDING COMMUNITY CAPACITY IN CHOLESBURY-CUM-ST LEONARDS AND ITS ENVIRONS

This item was not taken at the meeting, due to time restrictions. A note for information, prepared by Chris Brown, Cholesbury-cum-St Leonards Parish Council, is attached to the Minutes.

8 BROADBAND FOR RURAL AREAS

Chris Rawson, Bucks Business First, was welcomed to the meeting.

Chris Rawson said the following:

- There was an aspiration for the UK to have the best broadband in Western Europe by 2015; for a minimum of 90% super-fast broadband in Buckinghamshire by 2015; and for the remaining 10% of Buckinghamshire to have a minimum of 2mb per second (A map of current coverage in Buckinghamshire is attached to the Minutes).
- £9billion of funding had been announced nationally.
- Bucks Business First was working with Hertfordshire County Council to achieve value for money and a more extensive project.
- There was funding of £2.1m available for Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes (£1.8m for Buckinghamshire). It was a 'gap funding' model, which needed match-funding by local authorities. It was hoped that Buckinghamshire County Council would double the funding available.
- The task was huge and it was not possible to make definitive promises. There were variables, such as how far a house was from the broadband street cabinet, or if a house had an exchange-only line. Work was being carried out with BT and with Virgin.
- The key components of the project were delivery and procurement. Nationally there were six preferred bidders. The local project team would stimulate and register demand.
- A very large piece of work to engage with communities would be carried out.
- The 'digital divide' needed to be considered, to ensure that people with no IT experience could make use of the broadband.
- The BT infinity website allowed residents to search using their postcode, to find out the predicted speed and timing of broadband in their area.

A member asked if the project was commercial-based or whether it would address whole communities.

Chris Rawson said that it would address whole communities, and that the project was all-encompassing. Priority areas would be areas with a critical mass of people, and higher potential take-up of broadband services.

A member of Latimer Parish Council said that fibre optic cables for broadband had been laid for Latimer House in 2010. This had disrupted the village, but village residents had not been connected to the broadband. Chris Rawson said that if the network had been plugged into BT, it could be given to village residents. However if it was a private network this might not be possible. Chris Rawson said that he would look into this – **Action: CR**

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9 ENDEAVOUR CENTRE

Rachael Rothero (Service Manager - Strategic Commissioning, Adults and Family Wellbeing) and David Cowell (Programme Manager - Day Service Modernisation) were welcomed to the meeting.

Rachael Rothero updated members about the Day Opportunities Programme.

Overview of changes to the Day Care Service

In 2010 a major consultation had been undertaken by Buckinghamshire County Council (BCC), with a set of proposals to transform the traditional day care model to a range of different new services.

A review of the day care estate had been carried out, and many buildings were in a very poor condition. Some buildings were not even suitable for wheelchairs.

In March 2011, following more than 123 public meetings, the BCC Cabinet had made its final recommendations regarding day care provision.

Unlike other local authorities, BCC had decided that it was critical to continue to support people with high needs in buildings.

Six day opportunity centres were proposed (one for the Chesham / Amersham area), and there had been a significant capital investment of £6.5m.

BCC was working closely with architects to ensure that building designs supported the needs of the most vulnerable people. There had also been a series of 'meet the architects' public meetings.

The new buildings would be accessible and would bring wider community benefits, such as providing information on other services. There would also be cafés, which could potentially be run by Learning Disability clients. Extended opening hours were also planned in the evenings and at weekends.

The national agenda was moving towards personalisation, with clients being supported to understand their needs and given a personal budget. If clients wished, they could take a direct payment in lieu of BCC services, and could use this to buy services from other providers.

BCC was linking with existing and new providers. Two large provider events had been held, with 90 attendees. Work was also ongoing with providers to develop the 'marketplace.'

Volunteer and social enterprises were also being encouraged. BCC had been involved in the development of the Big Society Bank, which would provide start-up funding and loans.

Vulnerable people needed support to spend their direct payments. Support brokers had therefore been employed to provide face to face meetings with clients. A number of accredited brokers were now in place.

Another consideration was friendship groups in existing centres, and solutions for these groups were being looked at.

From December 2011, a Universal Advice and Information Service would be in place, which was an electronic directory to replace Bucks Info.net.

In addition, more funding was being put into expanding community capacity and the volunteering infrastructure in communities.

Specific changes in Amersham and Chesham

The preferred option for the building based model was the Amersham Library site, and the current proposal was for a new day centre, library and café there. BCC was working with

Chiltern District Council (CDC) on this, as CDC owned the land.

The existing Endeavour Centre site in Chesham had a number of different uses, including a registered Learning Disability care home, a garden centre, a school and a day centre.

A few years previously the Fremantle Trust and Housing Solutions had agreed re-provision of a learning disability care programme. BCC had paid for 60 beds in the Amersham / Chesham area, and a site was being sought for the home.

One proposal being explored was a 60 bed nursing home on the existing Cameron House and garden centre sites. This would mean that the existing Cameron House clients would be part of a new development at Maple Court Care Home (supported living for Learning Disability clients).

A significant amount of time had been spent exploring the options for the Endeavour Day Centre. The existing building was not fit for its purpose, and as it was on a hill, was not reachable in severe winter weather. The centre was set to close in 2012. Until the new service was in place, clients would be moved on an interim basis, and there was a commitment to do this to a location as close as possible to where they lived, with reasonable and manageable travelling times.

The school on the same site was considering a new skills centre where the day centre currently stood.

Options for retaining the garden centre on the site were also being considered and how this could be included as part of the skills centre.

The Endeavour Outreach Service was not provided from the Endeavour Centre site. The Outreach Service was planned to continue, via providers from the voluntary / community sector. A staff consultation was currently being carried out and would end in December 2011. There would not be a gap in services, and all clients would have an assessment.

The Day Service Project Board had agreed to send out very regular bulletins to clients, to avoid rumours and anxiety. Copies of the first bulletin were available at the meeting. There were still some uncertainties, and the bulletins would clarify these wherever possible.

A member said that Buckinghamshire County Council (BCC) needed to communicate better with carers. Rachael Rothero said that BCC was working with Carers Bucks on this.

A member asked if the organisations which currently delivered the day care services were being fully engaged in the Consultation.

Rachael Rothero said that the Consultation had been the most extensive ever carried out by the Adult Social Care Service. A significant number of responses had been fed into the business case, and everybody had had an opportunity to be involved.

The Chairman suggested that there be direct engagement with the Endeavour Outreach Service.

A member noted that many carers were themselves in their 70s or 80s, and that communication and engagement techniques which were used needed to reflect this.

10 LOCAL PRIORITIES BUDGET

	<p>The Local Priorities budget for the year 2011-12 was £20 000, and £13 318.05 of this had already been committed to projects at previous meetings.</p> <p>Members were asked to consider the funding proposals in the papers. All projects funded had to be completed by March 2012. If the budget was not allocated by November 2011, it would be returned to the Head of Service at the County Council.</p> <p>Due to the timing at the meeting, it was agreed that the funding decisions would be made by email.</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>Members of the Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum agreed that the funding decisions would be made by email before the next meeting. [email sent out is attached]</p>
11	<p>WINTER DRIVING WORKSHOPS - FOR INFORMATION</p> <p>Members noted the information.</p>
12	<p>COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER POLICY</p> <p>Members noted the information.</p>
13	<p>JOINT DISTRICT AND COUNTY BIG SOCIETY REVIEW FINDINGS</p> <p>Members noted the information.</p>
14	<p>HIGH SPEED 2 UPDATE</p> <p>Members noted the information.</p>
15	<p>BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL BUDGET CONSULTATION</p> <p>Members noted the information.</p>
16	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>25 January 2012, 7:30pm, venue tbc</p>

Building Community Capacity - Cholesbury-cum-St Leonards Parish Briefing to Chesham and Chiltern Villages LAF - 19 October 2011

(The following report was due to be given at the LAF meeting but under the Chairman's direction due to lack of time it was agreed these notes would be attached to the minutes).

1. Background

As you know at the end of June this year the LAF agreed to allocate £5000 to a Building Community Capacity Project through the Local Communities Budget to support the current Chesham project and to develop activities to support older and vulnerable adults in a rural community i.e. Cholesbury-cum-St Leonards Parish and its environs.

The £5000 provides for the resource of a project manager, Maggi MacKerron based at Chiltern DC who has been providing support to both local community teams.

As I was not able to be present at the June meeting, firstly can take this opportunity to thank the Forum for agreeing to support this project.

2. Activity since LAF meeting in June

A briefing meeting took place in July involving the Parish Council, Local County Councillor and Cabinet Member for Health and Well-being Tricia Birchley, Project Manager Maggi MacKerron, and an invited group of parishioners who had experience in providing voluntary support in the local community.

A range of issues which could impact on vulnerable adults were discussed and from this a smaller number of initial priorities identified.

- a. Organise a volunteer 4x4 vehicle support for those unable to get to urgent appointments or stranded by extreme weather conditions;
- b. Investigate if the lack of public transport impacting on those without cars or no longer able to drive could be mitigated through a local volunteer car scheme;
- c. Encourage more neighbour contact for those in the community 'isolated', physically or socially due to health issues, bereavement etc;
- d. Provide advice service or 'clinics' for residents unable to access internet or travel to towns in such areas as: social services, housing, health, financial, consumer, safety, technology, etc;
- e. Expand number of volunteers and carers use email network to provide support; share advice on public services or useful information for those they are helping.

On 1st September a launch meeting was held with a larger group of local residents with experience of providing support to local people and also those with particular skills (e.g. IT and publicity). Our neighbourhood Police Constable Kevin Flint also attended to advise on how the police could support the project.

The outcome of this meeting was the identification of a number of actions divided into short and medium term.

3. Actions

a. Short Term actions

- i. Communicate to the whole community through the parish-wide Magazine to publicise and seek involvement of more volunteers – **Actioned 25th September**
- ii. Create a email discussion group for volunteers – **Actioned 1st October**
- iii. Initiate contingency plans for a volunteer-led 4x4 car scheme to deal with extreme weather conditions this winter so parishioners can get to urgent appointments or home, if stranded at local towns/stations – **Actioned October**
- iv. Set up a ‘not for profit’ body to administer grants, obtain volunteer insurance, bank account, telephone number etc – **to be implemented by mid November**
- v. Directory of vital and useful contacts numbers – **to be published 1st December**

b. Medium term actions

- i. Develop existing arrangements for outreach to residents who are isolated by identifying or surveying who might need support, and make it easier for them to make contact, seek company through social events, or offering regular visits;
- ii. Organise one or more ‘workshops’ for the whole community on topics identified as priorities such as personal/ property security; consumer concerns; health provision; social services etc;
- iii. Pick up on other national initiatives including those which seek volunteers to assist implementation at local level. For example, the Chiltern Community Transport Hub or the Digital Switchover in April 2012;
- iv. If demand exists either develop a volunteer car scheme or associate with existing community car arrangements;
- v. Seek additional sources of funding to support initiatives;
- vi. Undertake presentations to neighbouring parishes about the project.

4. 4x4 transport Extreme Weather Scheme

Given it is already October we have progressed this item quickly. A meeting was held on 11th October to hear about the Chesham ChAV scheme and decide whether to set up a local arrangement. Alison Pirouet Chiltern District and Chesham Town Councillor provided a very pragmatic presentation on the Chesham Scheme which provided an excellent basis for the discussion which followed and led to agreement that a ‘Not for Profit’ management body be formed to administer its operation.

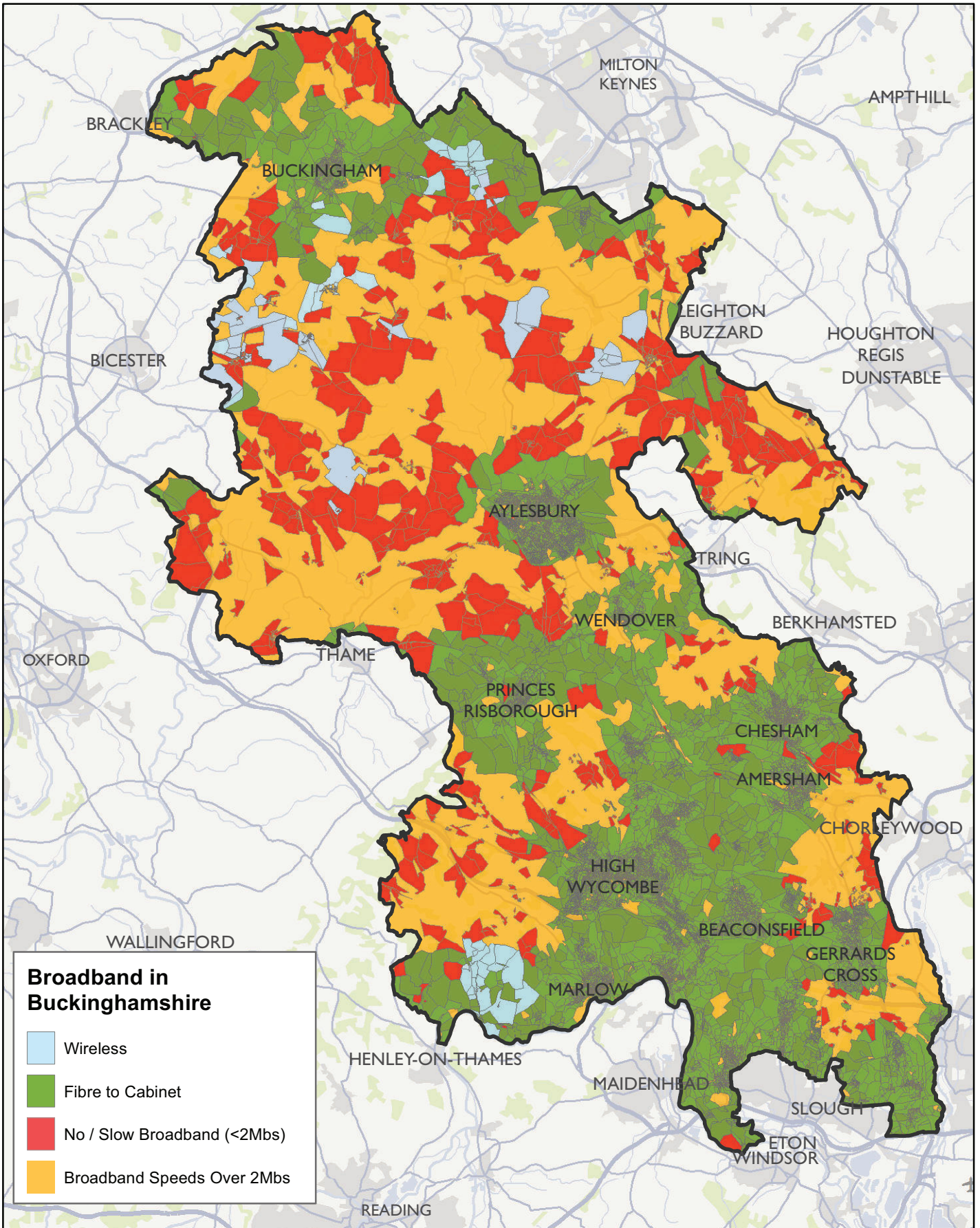
The management body is currently been worked up: a constitution is being drafted, budget requirements identified, securing funding of circa £500, public liability insurance sought, 0800 contact number acquired, and most important attracting further volunteers with 4x4 vehicles etc.

5. Briefing to other Parish Councils

One of the objectives of the project is to identify how activities might be expanded to, or repeated in, other rural communities. Enquiries from Parish Councils who would like to hear about initiatives and ‘lessons learnt’ would be welcomed.

Chris Brown

Cholesbury-cum-St Leonards Parish Council



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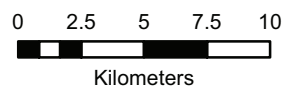
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Broadband Speeds in Buckinghamshire



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15 September 2011



From: Wailling, Helen
Sent: 21 October 2011 14:20
Subject: Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum 19 October 2011- local priorities delegated budget

Importance: High

Dear LAF Members

At last night's LAF meeting it was agreed to take this item off the agenda to allow time for the workshop part of the meeting to start and the young people in attendance to participate. Consequently, I am asking Members of the LAF for their views on each of the attached two proposals so that the Chairman can make an informed decision outside a LAF meeting. Please can you email me your views by Wednesday 26th October latest.

In the report it also mentions that we have in the region of £2,000 - £3,000 unallocated. Therefore, I would welcome any further ideas for projects meeting the local priorities by the end of this month when unallocated budget is returned to the Service Area. Although at the workshop we did not have time to discuss solutions/actions to the priorities, some thoughts may have come out of your initial discussions that could be built into projects that we commission out of the remaining budget.

<http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/moderngov/mgConvert2Pdf.aspx?ID=12790&T=9>

I look forward to hearing from you.

Christine
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Minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2011

An amendment has been requested to these Minutes.

The requested amendment will be taken to the meeting in January 2012 to ask members for their agreement for a note of the amendment to be added to the Minutes.

Agenda item 13 – last line should read as:

*The lighting **level** could be adjusted once it was in place if residents requested this.*

ACTION NOTES

MEETING:	Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum
DATE:	15 June 2011 7.56 pm to 10.05 pm
LOCATION:	Council Chamber, Chesham Town Hall, HP5 1DS

Present:	Mohammad Bhatti (Buckinghamshire County Council), Noel Brown (Buckinghamshire County Council) (Chairman), Andrew Garth (Chiltern District Council - Ashley Green, Latimer and Chenies), Joan Lherbier (Chartridge Parish Council), Colette Littley (Chesham Town Council), Keith Platt (Latimer Parish Council), Elizabeth Stacey (The Lee Parish Council) and Rod Tucker (Ashley Green Parish Council)
In Attendance:	Ann-Marie Davies, Christine Gardner, Paul Gosling, Kimberley Hardwick, Penny Miles, Claire O'Regan, Georgia Romeril, Kerry Stevens, Graham Tunstall, Judith Vivis and Helen Wailling
Apologies:	John Axon, Alan Bacon, Patricia Birchley, Michael Brand, Chris Brown, Peter Hudson, Peter Jones, David Natali, Alison Pirouet, Mark Shaw and Fred Wilson

Item	ISSUES RAISED
1	CHAIRMAN 2011-12 Members agreed that Noel Brown should continue as Chairman for 2011-12.
2	VICE-CHAIRMAN 2011-12 Fred Wilson (Chiltern District Council) was appointed as Vice-Chairman for 2011-12 in his absence.
3	APOLOGIES AND CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP See above for apologies. A current list of members and voting representatives is attached.
4	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Noel Brown declared an interest in agenda item 11 as he had been involved in 'Better Chesham' discussions.
5	ACTION NOTES The notes of the meeting held on 13 April 2011 were agreed and signed as a correct record. Matters arising A member asked if there had been a response to the query at the February 2011 meeting regarding speeding in Lye Green Road – HW to chase response from Police.
6	QUESTION TIME Age Concern Buckinghamshire Good Neighbour Scheme The Local Area Forum had previously allocated some funding to the Good Neighbour Scheme. Penny Miles (Age Concern Buckinghamshire) reported that there had been little response from the

	<p>rural villages to the Scheme. Penny Miles asked members to promote the Scheme, but noted that The Lee and Ley Hill both had their own schemes which were similar. The Chairman said that links should be made between the schemes in these two villages and the Good Neighbour Scheme.</p> <p>Penny Miles also asked if anyone would be interested in sitting on a Steering Committee for the Good Neighbour Scheme, as the aim was to make the Scheme self-sustaining. A member suggested that the Chesham Older People’s Action Group could also be contacted about this.</p> <p>A member said that it seemed that a number of groups were working on similar areas, and asked if there was duplication of work. The Chairman said that the Good Neighbour Scheme was an attempt to bring a number of schemes together.</p> <p>Action: Information on the Age Concern Good Neighbour Scheme to be re-circulated to all members.</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>PETITIONS</p> <p>There were no petitions.</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>BIG SOCIETY</p> <p>Kerry Stevens (Lead Area Officer for the Local Area Forum and Head of Service Provision, Adult Social Care) spoke about the Big Society. From an Adult Social Care perspective, the aim of the Big Society was to create communities of independence (people giving to their local community and benefiting from giving).</p> <p>The following projects had been very successful:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A project called Building Community Capacity had been running for 12 months in the Chesham area, and aimed to encourage and enable residents over 50 to become better equipped to support vulnerable people living in their community. • CHAV (Chesham Action Volunteers) had been very successful during winter 2010-11 in supporting vulnerable people when statutory services had been unable to reach them. • Community libraries in Little Chalfont, Chalfont St Giles and West Wycombe (the Little Chalfont Community Library had recently won the Queen’s Award). These libraries were run by the local communities, who had significantly increased the number of visitors and the opening times. In Chalfont St Giles the library had a pool of 60 volunteers which could also be used for other community activities. <p>From an Adult Social Care perspective, the Big Society would prevent people having to go into acute (hospital) care and would reduce reliance on public services.</p> <p>Andrew Garth (Chiltern District Council) said that Buckinghamshire was the first County to set up a Big Society Review Group. The Group had met a number of times and a report on its work would be going to the District Councils in July 2011 (link to the Report on the Chiltern District Council website: https://isa.chiltern.gov.uk/democracy/documents/s4830/Big%20Society%20cover%20report.pdf</p> <p>Andrew Garth also referred to the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pub lunch scheme – this offered a discounted meal and a lift and was also linked to other social activities. • Princes Risborough Community Bus – this was a scheduled bus service run locally. • Burnham Health Promotion Trust - this had a positive impact by giving small amounts of money to various local groups.

	<p>Christine Gardner (Localities and Communities Manager – Chiltern) told members about the Buckinghamshire Big Society Bank which was run by the Bucks Community Foundation and provided loans to voluntary and community organisations from £1500 to £5000. The money could be used as start-up funding or to fill a funding gap.</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>PERSONALISATION AGENDA INCLUDING UPDATE ON HOME CARE PROVISION</p> <p>Kerry Stevens told members that Adult Social Care was moving away from a centralised model of provision and that domiciliary care services and day care services would not be provided directly by the County Council in the future.</p> <p>Another change was the introduction of Self-directed Support. In the past, services had been purchased by Adult Social Care on behalf of individuals. Now the funding would be given directly to the individual to purchase the care they chose. There were significant concerns about the transfer of risk, and there would need to be a balance between choice and control.</p> <p>Internal domiciliary care services would be wound down over the next two years and provided externally. This was a significant change. Current domiciliary care staff were excellent despite being very low paid. However the current service was very expensive to run. The aim was to meet the needs of clients in the same committed way. Current staff would be offered training and support to set themselves up as micro-businesses.</p> <p>A member asked how self-directed support would be managed if clients were not capable of making decisions for themselves. Kerry Stevens said that there would be a range of needs and a range of support for these. A brokerage service was being set up to ensure the best deal for social care clients.</p> <p>A member asked if the existing domiciliary care staff were entitled to pensions. Kerry Stevens said that the current staff were entitled to pensions but that the uptake of the pension scheme had fallen over the last twelve months, probably due to the financial climate.</p> <p>A member said that the changes to the Domiciliary Care Service had not been communicated to all clients. Kerry Stevens said that no clients would be removed from their current care provider, unless staff were not available. A letter clarifying this would be sent out with the Minutes – Action: KS</p> <p>Kerry Stevens also told members that social care offices at Chiltern District Council had been shut and staff were encouraged to work in the Community (e.g. in Chesham Library, using a wireless internet connection). This would increase the accessibility of services.</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>UPDATE ON ACTIVITY BY RAFE'S PLACE</p> <p>Rafe's Place provided activities for young people and work experience for students.</p> <p>Claire O'Regan (Rafe's Place) told members that in September 2010 Rafe's Place had run a festival day in Lowndes Park. This was the second time the festival had been held and it was a two-yearly event.</p> <p>The Local Area Forum had provided £1300 for professional skateboarders to attend the festival. It had been a great day for the young people who had skated with the professionals. Security for the day had cost £200. The day had been co-sponsored by the Bucks Community Foundation.</p> <p>There had also been a band stage, an acoustic stage and a DJ stage, as well as street art and a big draw. Approximately 1500 young people had attended the day.</p>

	<p>Chiltern District Council had since approached Rafe's Place to carry out a consultation about diversionary activities in four areas. Questionnaires were circulated, including via Facebook. The feedback was that young people wanted to be involved in music production, fashion and DJ-ing.</p> <p>Rafe's Place then went on to provide these activities. There had been a 12-week programme in Amersham, with as many as 26 young people in attendance on a Monday night.</p> <p>In Chalfont St Peter no one had attended the sessions for the first two weeks but following promotion of the sessions, over 50 young people had attended the 12-week programme, which had included the production of a music single about skateboarding.</p> <p>The 12-week programmes had showed that Rafe's Place could provide workshops as well as one-off events.</p> <p>Rafe's Place was currently gathering information about youth clubs which had had cuts in funding, and intended to run activities via students.</p> <p>The Chairman noted that the funding cuts were to youth services and youth staff, but that the youth club buildings remained.</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>LOCAL PRIORITIES BUDGET</p> <p>Christine Gardner referred members to the report on pages 9-16 of the agenda pack.</p> <p>There had been five applications for Local Priorities funding. Members discussed these.</p> <p>Funding for Building Community Capacity in Chesham and the Villages This was an application for funding to extend this very successful project to the Chiltern villages. Cholesbury-cum-St Leonards had volunteered to be the first Parish in the project. The request was for funding of £5000.</p> <p>Funding for Citizens Advice Bureau A decision on this funding had been deferred at the last meeting. The application was for funding of £5000 to move the premises and for changes including a disabled ramp. Paul Gosling from the Citizens Advice Bureau was in attendance at the meeting.</p> <p>Funding for Better Chesham to produce and distribute a 'Discover Chesham' Brochure Peter Jones (Chiltern District Council) was not able to attend the meeting but had asked that his support for this be noted. The Chairman declared an interest as he had been involved in discussions about this project.</p> <p>The project was a sub-group of the Commerce of Trade, run by local businessmen.</p> <p>A member asked how this brochure would differ from other brochures (e.g. the brochure produced by Chesham Town Council). It was noted that this brochure would be more targeted towards shopping, and would also have a larger presence on the internet.</p> <p>Members agreed that funding should only be given for this if there was formal endorsement for the project from Chesham Town Council.</p> <p>Funding for activities for young people (five separate schemes) This was a request from Chiltern District Council for £1818.05. The activities were not entirely dependent on funding from the Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum. The activities were small projects which made a big difference in local communities.</p> <p>A member referred to the netball project for Asian girls and said that this needed to include playing matches against different groups, as segregation was not helpful to the community.</p>

Funding for Community Arts Quilt Project

Although members considered this to be a laudable project, they noted the following concerns/queries:

- The costing included a large amount of money to pay for an artist. However the quilting group was very experienced and could probably design the quilt themselves.
- How many hours would the artist be employed for?
- There was no evidence that there was an identified need for this project.
- As regarded the target group for the project, how many people would be involved, and from which groups?

Members asked that further information on the above be obtained for the next meeting, and decided to defer a decision on the funding for this project until then.

RESOLVED

The following funding was agreed:

Project	Amount requested	Amount agreed
Building Community Capacity in Chesham and the Villages	£5000	£5000
Citizens Advice Bureau. To move premises from Market Square to larger offices in Townsend Road Chesham.	£5000	£5000
Better Chesham. To produce and distribute a "Discover Chesham" Brochure.	£1500	£1500 (conditional on a formal endorsement of the project from Chesham Town Council)
CDC/Nexus youth activities (5 schemes)	£1818.05	£1818.05
Church2Community. Community Arts Quilt Project	£2750	£0 (decision deferred until further information was obtained)
TOTAL	£16 068.05	£13 318.05

12 TRANSPORT DELEGATED BUDGET 2011-12

The Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum received the Report of Ann-Marie Davies (Transport Localities Team Leader).

The Chairman told members that since the last meeting Martin Tett had been elected as the new leader of Buckinghamshire County Council, and had decided to re-allocate the expected increase in the Transport Delegated Budget.

Ann-Marie Davies said that the money would be re-allocated to carriageway works (in addition to £15m of additional Government funding). The carriage works would be prioritised within each area by the local County Councillor, who would take into account any views held by their residents.

Kim Hardwick (Transport for Buckinghamshire) said that this meant that the Transport Delegated Budget for the Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum had returned to the original sum

of £34 441. The additional schemes which had been agreed would not be ignored, but would be kept for the future.

Unfortunately the original schemes which the Local Area Forum had agreed had been re-costed and now came to a total of £15 516. In the future initial costings would be more robust so that they would not need to be reviewed.

The original schemes agreed, with revised costings, were in the report.

Also in the Report was a list of possible additional schemes. Members were asked to agree which of these additional schemes should go ahead. The funding had to be allocated by the end of July 2011.

The Salt Bin on Latimer Camp Road was now in place, so this could be removed from the list of schemes.

A member noted that many of the schemes were subject to feasibility studies. Kim Hardwick said that this was due to past requests for Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) where it had subsequently been found that there was no identified need, or no suitable location.

A member asked if a scheme would be prioritised if the feasibility study found that it was required. Kim Hardwick said that this would depend on the outcome of the feasibility study, and that schemes were not usually given priority unless there was a safety issue.

Feasibility studies for a number of Vehicle Activated Signs would be carried out together to increase efficiency.

Chesham Park Community College had made an application for funding (£30 000) to widen the entrance. This was in addition to the application the College had already had agreed for £3300 to evaluate the pedestrian crossing point (page 2 of the Report).

Graham Tunstall (Business Manager, Chesham Park Community College) was in attendance and gave some additional information about the application for £30 000:

- The College was working towards its change of status to Academy in September 2011.
- Funding from the Department for Education was available for environmental improvements.
- There had been a near-fatal accident during the Easter holidays involving a ten-year-old girl and the proposed changes to the school entrance were for safety reasons.
- There were currently 700 students but there was a planned increase to 900 students. There were 100 members of staff. There were also external users of the College. There were 60 parking spaces at the College.
- The College was encouraging students to walk to school, but it was currently very dangerous for students crossing Chartridge Lane from Penn Avenue.
- The application for funding was to change the layout of the driveway and gate and for a pedestrian crossing. The aim was that the changes would be in place for September 2011.

Kim Hardwick said that a feasibility study could be undertaken during the summer holidays. However the actual changes would certainly not be ready by September 2011. In addition, the summer holidays were not an ideal time for the feasibility study, as the students were not travelling to and from the College.

A member of Chartridge Parish Council said that changes to the College should be supported.

Members decided not to agree the funding for the Chesham Park College Scheme but the Chairman said that the College was welcome to reapply in the next financial year.

Members agreed to fund the Feasibility Study into A416 and Hog Lane/Two Dells Lane staggered junction improvements for £5660 as this was a safety need. However Ashley Green Parish Council would need to find £1000 to meet the full cost of the Scheme (£6660).

Members also agreed funding for the Vehicle Activated Signs on the Latimer Road at the cross roads. These were a safety need and were also being looked at as part of safety reviews. However Chenies Parish Council and Latimer Parish Council would be asked to contribute £1000 each towards this.

Kim Hardwick asked that Parish Councils let her know about the funding by the end of June 2011.

Members agreed that the schemes listed below should go ahead:

Scheme	Cost	Funding agreed
Feasibility Study into A416 and Hog Lane/Two Dells Lane staggered junction improvements	£6660	£5660
VAS x2 – Latimer Road by cross roads, Latimer	£15 400	£13 400
TOTAL	£22 060	£19 060

13 TRANSPORT UPDATE

Members noted the Report.

Service Information Centre

Kim Hardwick asked that any transport issues be reported to the Transport for Buckinghamshire Service Information Centre:

<http://www.transportforbucks.net/Transport-and-roads.aspx>

The Service Information Centre was also the first port of call for information on community gangs, grass cutting, roadworks etc.

Issues reported to the Centre would be logged and passed to Mike Barber, the Local Area Technician.

A member asked if Cholesbury still had a different community gang schedule to Chesham Town. Kim Hardwick said that she did not think that this was the case, and that the Local Area Technician had planned the schedule for the gangs.

A member of Latimer Parish Council asked about rural grass cutting. Kim Hardwick said that this was carried out by a separate team. Information was on the website via the above link.

There had also been a written question from Fred Wilson (Chiltern District Council):

Re Community Gangs, we received the following message from Chesham Town Hall:

Dear Councillors,

Thank you for responding with your ‘gang’ requests.

“Unfortunately however, Mike Barber from Bucks County Council has just called to say that the gang are extremely busy and cannot fit any more work in on Monday 13th and that the list which I sent to him will now not be completed until Monday 18th July - (this is the next day which the gang are scheduled to be in Chesham).”

Are enough resources being provided to Community Gangs and/or is this because they have just started?

Kim Hardwick told members that the Community Gangs had only just started and had therefore got more work than could be undertaken in a one-week period. Considering that this resource had not been available since about October 2010, work had been building for some time, so this visit was

	<p>already over-subscribed with work. Mike Barber was managing this as best as he could with the resources he had.</p> <p>Mike Barber was also the person to contact with regard to further work for the Community Gangs. The website had the most up-to-date information on when the next Community Gang visit would be: http://www.transportforbucks.net/Roadworks-Centre/Community-Gangs.aspx</p> <p>Germain Street, Chesham Kim Hardwick reported on the pedestrian crossing scheme in Germain Street which had received funding from the Local Area Forum. A consultation of residents had generated six negative responses. Due to the contentious nature of the decision, it therefore had been escalated to become a key decision, which would need to be taken by the Cabinet member. It was hoped that this would happen shortly and that if agreed, the work would start between August and October 2011. [Link to the decision taken by the Cabinet member: http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/moderngov/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=2427]</p> <p>The Scheme would require a higher level of street lighting than was currently in place (6m high columns would be needed as these dispersed light further than 5m columns). The columns used would be black columns, and not heritage-style columns, due to the limited budget.</p> <p>The lighting could be adjusted once it was in place if residents requested this.</p>
14	<p>FOR INFORMATION - PARISH COUNCILLORS INDUCTION TRAINING</p> <p>Members noted the report.</p>
15	<p>FOR INFORMATION - DEMOCRATIC SERVICES UPDATE</p> <p>Members noted the report.</p>
16	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>19 October 2011, 7:30pm, Latimer House, Latimer (this meeting will include a workshop to review the local priorities for the Local Area Forum).</p>

Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum

Title:	Update report from Transport for Buckinghamshire
Date:	13 th January 2012
Author & Contact officer:	Ann Marie Davies Transport Localities Team Leader Aylesbury Vale, Missendens & Chesham and Chiltern Villages
Electoral divisions affected:	Parishes within the LAF

Summary

1. From 2010 this standard report will be issued to each Local Area Forum (LAF) / Local Community Partnership (LCP) from Transport for Buckinghamshire.
2. It will aim to provide a comprehensive update on current and relevant Transportation issues which are tailored to each individual LAF / LCP.
3. Standard topics to be covered will be:
 - Dates of when Local Community Gangs will visit parishes
 - Major issues likely to affect parishes within the LAF / LCP
 - Update on ongoing local issues
 - Policy Development
 - Any other information
4. In addition, it will cover any emerging issues which could or will affect Local Area Forum / Local Community Partnership areas.

AREA MAINTENANCE

Community and Road Fixer Gangs

The volume of Category 1 potholes has increased recently due to the wetter weather, but no where near to the level of previous years. We have also had to attend to a large number of tree falls due to the high winds shortly after the new year, which has disrupted normal works patterns.

The community and road fixer gangs will therefore be continuing in your areas on the programmed basis. Any ideas for community gang type work, ie vegetation clearance, minor repairs etc should be sent to your area technician, Mike Barber, in the first instance.

A full list of when work will be taking place is available on <http://www.transportforbucks.net/Roadworks-Centre.aspx>

Traffic Management

Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS)

The VAS Policy Review (including new working procedures for Movable Vehicle Activated Signs (MVAS)) is now nearing an end and will be submitted for Cabinet approval in February 2012. Subject to this approval, the MVAS initiative will be available for Parish Councils to apply for as of the 1st April 2012. Further details will be forwarded in due course.

We're Working On It (Design & Construction/Area Maintenance)

As part of the We're Working On It capital works programme County Councillors have identified their Top 5 priority sites as have your Local Area Technicians.

Transport for Buckinghamshire's engineers have then been out to visit and assess each site to confirm both the extent of the works required as well as the most appropriate carriageway treatment, with the intention of extending the life of the road by at least 7 years.

The following explains the various types of treatment available.

Surfacing: Replacement of the existing road surface

Slurry Seal: A form of surfacing that smooths out minor imperfections and gives a clean road finish

Plane & Patch: This involves planing out sections of road and replacing with a new surface

Surface Dressing: Spraying the road with hot bitumen and then covering with stone chippings

Please note that the treatments noted above are weather dependant and whilst we have provided an anticipated start date these may change.

The table below shows the current list of streets, sections of which are expected to receive one of the treatments (noted above), over the next two years.

Carriageway Works – Chesham LAF			
Street Name	Town	Treatment Type	Anticipated Start Date
Hiving's Hill	Chesham	Slurry Seal	Complete
Hiving's Hill (side roads)	Chesham	Slurry Seal	Proposed 2012-2013
Benham Close	Chesham	Slurry Seal	Complete*
St Marys Way (A416) (split into two schemes)	Chesham	TBC	Proposed 2012-2013
Ashley Green Road (A416)	Chesham	TBC	Proposed 2012-2013
Berkhampstead Road (A416)	Chesham	Surfacing	Proposed 2012-2013
Broad Street (A416)	Chesham	Surfacing	Proposed 2012-2013
Brochhurst Road & Britannia Road & Essex Road	Chesham	Surfacing	March 2012
Severalls Road	Chesham	Surface Dressing	Proposed 2012-2013
White Hill	Chesham	Plane & Patch	Complete
Lye Green Road	Chesham	Surfacing	Complete
Rushmere Lane	Orchard Leigh	Surfacing	Complete
Nashleigh Hill	Chesham	Surfacing	Complete
Red Lion Street (A416)	Chesham	Surfacing	March 2012
Germain Street	Chesham	Surfacing	Complete
Waterside	Chesham	Surfacing	Work completed on worst areas. Will return in 2012 – 2013 to complete.
Fryer Close	Chesham	Slurry Seal	Proposed 2012 - 2013
The Broadway	Chesham	Surfacing	Proposed 2012 - 2013
Village Road	Chenies	Plane & Patch	Complete
Watermeadow	Chesham	Plane & Patch	Complete
White Hill	Chesham	Plane & Patch	Complete
Church Street	Chesham	Plane & Patch	Complete
Blackwell Hall Lane	Latimer	Plane & Patch	Complete
Chesham Road	Bellingdon	Surface Dressing	Proposed 2012-2013
Swan Bottom Road	The Lee	Surface Dressing	Proposed 2012-2013
Pipers Wood	Hyde Heath	Slurry Seal	Proposed 2012-2013
Oak Lane	St Leonards/ Braziers End	Surface Dressing	Proposed 2012-2013
Chesham Road	Hyde End	Surface Dressing	Complete
The Lee to Kings Lane	The Lee	Surfacing	Complete
Jenkins Lane	Cholesbury	Slurry Seal	Complete
Cholesbury Lane	Hawridge	Slurry Seal	Complete
The Warren	Chartridge	Slurry Seal	Complete

*We will be revisiting the site as part of next years programme, after a parked vehicle prevented

completion of the works.

Road Safety

Speed Limit Review Update – Latimer Road

The Key Decision Report will be submitted to the Cabinet Member for Transport, Peter Hardy, before the end of January, for his approval of the recommendation to provide new 30mph and 40mph limits between Chesham and Chenies. It is currently planned that the resulting speed limit changes will be installed before the end of March 2012, although workload pressures may mean this is not achievable until later in Spring 2012.

Community Speedwatch

To raise awareness of Community Speedwatch across Buckinghamshire, the road safety team are planning a programme to work with local communities to deliver the scheme, as vehicles being driven too fast are a major factor in preventing people from enjoying the environment they have chosen to live in.

The idea is to liaise with local communities and attend locations on set days and times and run community speedwatch in your area.

The road safety team will have a set of speedwatch equipment for use free of charge to work in partnership with community volunteers, e.g. a member of the road safety team will operate the equipment with a member of the local community at a location known for a speeding problem. Using local knowledge will allow community speedwatch to be used most efficiently in a pro-active manner.

If you are interested in working with the road safety team to run speedwatch in your local community please contact Nigel Spencer by e-mail on nspencer@buckscc.gov.uk
For more information about Community Speedwatch visit:
<http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/transport/speedwatch.page>

Road Safety Team services to the local community:

SAGE – Safer driving with Age; for motorists over 65 years of age who would like a confidence boost. Our team of qualified instructors offers an hour's assessment.

Be a Better Biker – assessment days for motorcyclists. Just bought a bike or advancing to a more powerful engine? Our team of instructors will help you make the most of biking.

Get in Gear young driver's course – theory workshops and on the road training. Essential advanced motoring skills for newly qualified drivers.

Business Driver Assessments – 2 hour on the road assessments for employees who drive vans, minibuses or cars for work. Includes a DVLA licence check and full report.

The four courses, above, are heavily subsidised and are provided at various locations

around the county. Individual driver training is provided from any location within Bucks. For further details please contact 01296 382450 or email roadsafety@buckscc.gov.uk

Walking and Cycling

Chesham

In mid November 2011, Simon Glover of the Sustainable Travel Team - Cycling & Walking - met with Bill Richards (Town Clerk) and members of the public interested in improving cycle links in Chesham town. The group looked at several areas of the town where potential improvements could be made.

In February 2012 it is planned that Simon will provide the Town Council with some further information to help facilitate cycling in Chesham. The Town Council can then prioritise and seek funding for the items they wish to take forward.

Asset Management – Street Lighting

SWITCHING OFF STREET LIGHTS TO SAVE ENERGY TRIAL END:

Decisions on the future of 37 of the Switch Off Sites were submitted for public consultation on 17/10/2011. Transport for Bucks welcome all feedback associated with these sites and request that comments are submitted via the following link:
http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/sites/bcc/about_your_council/Have_your_say.page

For the remaining sites Transport for Buckinghamshire has been, and is continuing to conduct, thorough investigations of the associated site data and customer feedback.

From these investigations, recommendations are being developed to provide what actions would be best for each of the sites progressing into the future.

These recommendations will be reviewed by the Cabinet Member prior to a supplementary consultation which is anticipated to commence from early in the New Year.

In addition to this it has been decided to switch back on the following five sites:

A413 Amersham Road (from Kingsway RAB to Rail Bridge)
A40 Studley Green
A413 Wendover Bypass @ Nash Lee Road Roundabout
A413 Wendover Bypass @ South Street Roundabout
A421 Radclive Roundabout

These switch ons are intended to be conducted in a phased approach, whereby as many of the street lights will be reactivated as soon as possible, where deemed safe to do so. A follow-up visit to rectify any outages and / or further repair works that maybe necessary will be conducted as soon as practicable.

More information about the trial, including two interim reports, can be viewed at:
http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/transport/streetlights_energy.page

Delegated Budget 2011/12 – Progress on Agreed Schemes

Location	Scheme	Progress
Little Spring School, Greenway, Chesham	Evaluation of pedestrian crossing	Evaluations will be completed in February / March 2012
Chesham Park Community College, Chartridge Lane, Chesham	Evaluation of pedestrian crossing	Evaluations will be completed in February / March 2012
Various, Chesham	3x salt bins	Completed
Rays Lane and Cholesbury Lane, Cholesbury	Kerbing of grass island	Completed
Gilberts Hill and Bottom Lane, Cholesbury	Kerbing	Completed
Hawridge Hill, Cholesbury	Salt bin	Completed
Vale Bottom, Cholesbury	Salt bin	Completed
Red Lion Hill, The Lee	Salt bin	Completed
Kiln Lane, Botley	2x Salt bin	Completed
A416, Ashley Green	VAS	Location agreed. Equipment to be ordered shortly
Latimer Road cross roads, Latimer	2x VAS	Location agreed. Equipment to be ordered shortly

Delegated Budget 2012/13

We have now received all the bids for 2012/13 and added these to the schemes which were unsuccessful last year.

A decision is still to be made regarding the level of funding available through the delegated budget fund but it is hoped that the proposed schemes will be taken to the next LAF meeting for discussion.

REPORT TO CHESHAM AND CHILTERN VILLAGES LOCAL AREA FORUM MEMBERS

Title: Applications for funding from Local Priorities budget
2012 -13

Date: January 25th 2012

Author: Phil Dart, Head of Localities and Safer Communities
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(01296) 383645

Electoral divisions affected: Chess Valley, Chesham East, Chesham North West,
Chiltern Ridges

Summary

1. This report relates to one proposal for funding from the Chesham and Chiltern Villages LAF Local Priorities devolved budget for 2012/13 and is subject to the County Council agreeing that this budget should continue in 2012/13.
2. Applications received should be evaluated against the priorities agreed by the Local Area Forum (LAF) in it's Local Area Plan. This report seeks agreement to allocate funding from the LAF's Local Priorities budget to enable the projects to be implemented.
3. The projects and amount requested are as follows:

Project	Amount requested	Amount recommended
Renovation and Replacement of Playground equipment – The Lee Parish Council	£700	£700
TOTAL	£700	£700

Recommendation

4. **Members of the Chesham and Chiltern Villages Local Area Forum are invited to agree that funding from the Local Priorities budget be allocated to the project listed in section 3 above for the full amount.**



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE



Background

Renovation and Replacement of Playground equipment – The Lee Parish Council

- 5 This proposal was received too late to be considered for the 2011-12 local priorities budget but has a deadline by which the funding has to be agreed. The applicant has been informed that the LAF may not consider the application at all because of the desire to evaluate a critical number of applications at one time. The proposal is from The Lee Parish Council and is for the renovation and replacement of playground equipment at The Lee as well as expanding the provision as part of commemorating the Diamond Jubilee. There are no other play facilities for younger children in the area.
- 6 The estimated total cost for playground renovation and new equipment is £20,000 plus £500 for legal fees (**Total £20,500**). The Parish Council is applying for SITA Trust funding of £17,800, is contributing £750 itself, has a private donation of £500 and £750 from the Parish Hall Committee. (**Total = £19,800**). The LAF funding applied for of £700 would give the project the required amount.
- 7 The reason the Parish Council cannot wait until the next LAF meeting in May is that they need to have their basic funding agreement in place by the end of January in order to apply for the SITA funding which is awarded on a multiplier principle i.e.9.5 times the base.
- 8 In terms of meeting the Local Priorities Budget funding criteria, the proposal:
 - a. contributes to one of the local area priorities, namely: “More activities and facilities for young people”;
 - b. The project has already secured matched funding of £2,000 and is applying to SITA for the lion’s share.
 - c. The project has the support of parents in the local community.
9. As this project meets one of the local priorities, will provide a better play facility in a rural location where little else for this age group is available, and the amount will lever much bigger funding, I recommend it receives funding from the LAF at the full amount.

- **Report ends** -